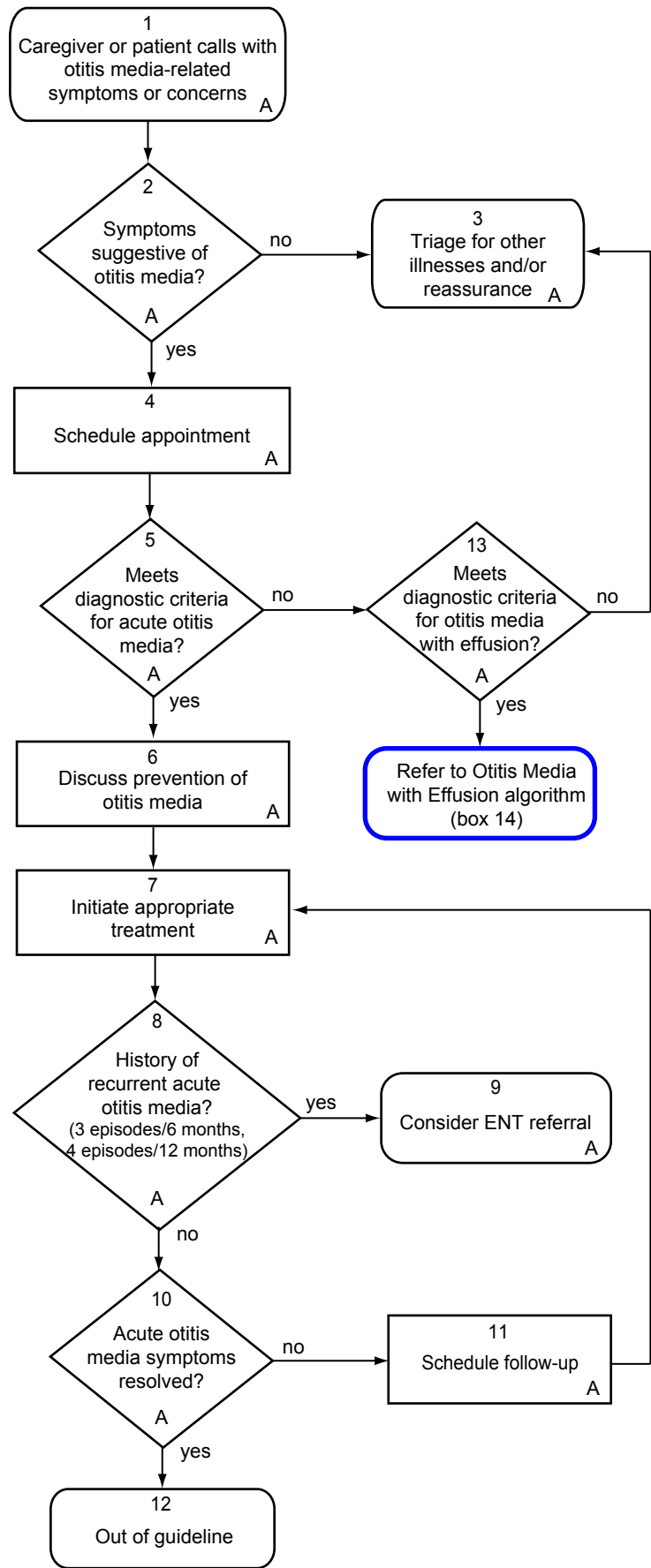


# Diagnosis and Treatment of Otitis Media in Children

## Acute Otitis Media



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Symptoms Suggestive of Otitis Media

Children Less Than Three Years

- irritability
- fever
- night waking
- poor feeding
- running nose
- conjunctivitis
- balance problems
- hearing loss
- ear pain

Children Three Years and Older

- ear pain
- ear drainage
- hearing loss
- ear popping
- ear fullness
- dizziness

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Diagnostic Criteria for Acute Otitis Media

- Middle ear effusion (seen on exam and/or confirmed by pneumatic otoscopy) with either:
  - local signs of inflammation; or
  - ear pain, ear drainage, irritability, restlessness, or poor feeding

Diagnostic Criteria for Otitis Media with Effusion

- Middle ear effusion (seen on exam and/or confirmed by pneumatic otoscopy) or abnormal tympanometry without signs or symptoms of acute otitis media

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